

PIN Bulletin For Local Organizers

Special New Years Edition

*Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?*



Israel's Apartheid Walls are Growing and Hardening



Confronting Israel Apartheid: an important webinar to launch 2023

Zionist Apartheid must be confronted, the walls dismantled, ethnic cleansing stopped. The newly installed far-right Israeli coalition government, led by Benjamin Netanyahu, has broadcast its intentions. The coalition agreement begins with a declaration that the Jewish people have a "natural right" to all the Land of Israel.

PIN Steering Committee strongly encourages you to attend ***Confronting Israel's Apartheid***, a webinar jointly sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of

Chicago's Peace & Justice Committee and EPF PIN, on Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 pm CST (8 pm EST, 6 pm MST, 5 pm PST). This event aims to raise awareness and increase understanding of the nature of Israel's treatment of the Palestinians. The organizers also hope to bridge the gap between policy decisions taken by The Episcopal Church (and other Churches) and the people in the pews.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ConfrontingIsraelsApartheid> to receive a Zoom link.

2022 was the year when many Americans recognized that successive US governments have aided Israel in imposing a system of control on Palestinians meeting the definition of apartheid. The world's leading human rights organizations, beginning with Israel's own premier **B'Tselem**, followed by **Human Rights Watch** and **Amnesty International**, employed rigorous analysis of years of data in reaching that conclusion. These were followed by reports from former UN Human Rights Special Rapporteur **Michael Lynk**, the **International Human Rights Clinic** at Harvard Law School, and a **coalition of eight Palestinian organizations** led by the Human Rights NGO al Haq. Recognition that we are complicit in Israeli apartheid carries moral responsibility.

Moderated by PIN Steering Committee's Harry Gunkel, the webinar brings together three expert and experienced speakers. Richard Falk is Professor Emeritus of International Law at Princeton University and former UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the occupied Palestinian Territories. He will explain how Israel's laws and actions correspond to the definition of apartheid in international conventions. Brant Rosen, the founder and Rabbi of the synagogue Tzedek Chicago, and a co-founder of Jewish Voice for Peace's Rabbinical Council, will discuss how Judaism inspires Jews to oppose apartheid. And Mai Kakish Khader, the Director of TEE Arabic Language & Culture for Children of the Arab Diaspora, a board member of the Seraj Library Project, and the founder and writer with Almondandfig.com, will describe how apartheid affects the daily life of her family in Palestine. The Rt. Reverend Canon Paula E. Clark, 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago, will open the evening with a prayer.

When Richard Falk graciously agreed to participate in this webinar, he wrote: *"I have long believed that the leading religious organizations have a crucial role to play in shifting public opinion within the U.S. on Palestine, and the apartheid issue may turn out to be important in this regard."*

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More Opportunities in Early 2023!

The Trauma & Hope Tour with Dr. Yasser Abu-Jamei

In January and February, a series of conversations about mental health in Gaza will take place in major U.S. cities. Dr. Yasser Abu-Jamei, director general of the [Gaza Community Mental Health Program](#), will share his research that has focused on the impact of ongoing violence and the 15-year-long blockade of Gaza on the physical and psychological health of children and their caregivers, as well as the connection between public health and human rights.

Events are being scheduled for Los Angeles (1-20-23), Seattle (1-24), Chicago

(1-27), Detroit (1-30), Boston (2-3), ending with an appearance Feb. 9 in Washington D.C. Details for each event will be posted at this website:
<https://www.gazamentalhealth.org/trauma-hope-tour/>

Details for the *Trauma & Hope* conversations in Seattle and Washington D.C. have already been posted, so mark your calendars.

Seattle

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023 - 7 pm Pacific

St. Mark's Cathedral, 1245 10th Ave. E., Capital Hill, Seattle

Washington, D.C.

Monday, February 13, 2023 - 6pm Eastern

Busboys & Poets, 2021 14th St. NW (14th & V) Washington DC

The events are free and open to the public.



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